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in the metropolitan counties as it is now, but if not, then I think they ought to be managed and under someone's budget. We...we put that bill out. It ended up, because of the Attorney General saying that he was going to have to add staff, it had an A bill of \$200,000, and so I couldn't get it out of Appropriations Committee. I don't know if it would cost that much but it could possibly. If you would take over the metropolitan areas and take over every case, it could cost \$200,000. But if we want that ability for the Department of Motor Vehicles to still pull people's licenses, then it's our responsibility to handle those appeals. It's the state's responsibility to do that and our attorney is the Attorney General, and so I believe that's the way to do it. So I...so I'd ask the body, if we want to do it, then the Attorney General should have to do it. It ought to be...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...in his budget.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Are you greatly grieved if we just defer payment, Senator Connealy? We aren't saying we won't; we just aren't now.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I would...I would rather pay the bills as they come, but...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: All right. Thank you.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...I'm not greatly grieved.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in Lincoln County there were 11 of these cases at \$500 a pop. That county attorney supplemented his income by \$5,500 for doing next to nothing. And you see where in the column that the number of hours is supposed to be given, he just wrote not applicable. He's not going to tell you. It may not have taken any time.